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For: SOLUBLE MHC COMPLEXES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is submitted in response to Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2003 for the above-referenced application.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 121 to polyspecific MHC fusion molecules comprising the following species:

- A) a joining molecule,
- B) Letter D of the formula representing the complex, wherein D represents at least one empty sc-MHC class II molecule, ligand binding molecule or H,
- C) a cell surface target to which the immunoglobulin, single chain antibody or Fv is capable of binding, and
- D) a receptor ligand.

According to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has required election of a specific polyspecific MHC fusion molecule comprising a SPECIFIC joining molecule, such as one recited in claim 39, a SPECIFIC structure for the letter D of said formula, such as one recited in claim 28 (and if a ligand binding molecule is elected for letter D, than additionally, a SPECIFIC ligand binding molecule, such as one recited in claim 41), a SPECIFIC target, such as one recited in claim 42, and a SPECIFIC receptor ligand, such as one recited in claim 43.

Applicants hereby elect specific polyspecific MHC fusion molecule in Figure 9B of the application. This is the same molecule elected by Applicants in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed April 26, 2002. Claims that read on this species include claims 25-29 and 38.

It is believed the application in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

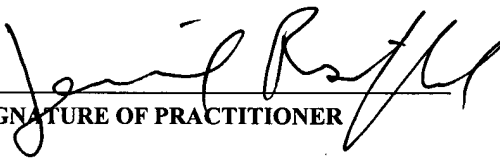
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